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Applicant: Tyagi *et al.*

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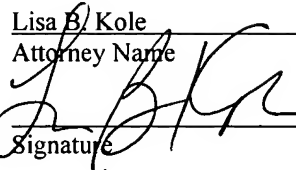
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For: A SCREENING METHOD FOR DEVELOPING DRUGS
AGAINST PATHOGENIC MICROBES HAVING TWO-
COMPONENT SYSTEM

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Advisory Action dated March 28, 2006,
please consider the following amendments and remarks. On March 3, 2006, Applicants
timely filed a Notice of Appeal and reply containing amendments that were not entered in
the record by the Examiner. As such and in connection with this paper, Applicants

hereby request a five-month extension of time up to and including October 3, 2006 and enclose the required fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5). Applicants further submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and enclose the requisite fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 12.